A PROCLAMATION

Anent Pedagogues, Chaplains and others.

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain. France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, To Macers or Meſſengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and ſeverally ſpecially conſtitute, Greeting: Foraſmuch as in the whole courſe of our Government, We have manifeſted Our Pious and Princely Care, and Zeal to maintain and promote the Sacred Intereſts of the Eſtabliſhed Religion, together with the Order and Unity of the Church; And conſidering the danger ariſing to the Church, to Religion, and to Our Government, by the undutiful Practiſes of ſome of Our Subjects, in intertaining diſaffected, and irregular Perſons in the Offices of Chaplains, Pedagogues, and School-maſters, who are apt to corrupt and poyſon the Families wherein they Serve, and the Children whom they Teach and Inſtruct, with the Principles of Schiſm, Sedition and Rebellion, Inſtilling into the Minds of Our People (under the ſpecious colour of Piety) ſinful prejudices againſt the ſetled Religion, and begetting in them a Diſloyal averſiion from Our Authority and Governmeut: Notwithſtanding that by the *4th. Act* of the ſecond *Seſſion* of Our firſt *Parliament*, *It is Statuted, that none be allowed to Teach any Schooles, or to be Pedagogues to Children, or Chaplains in any Family, without a Licence from the reſpective Ordinaries:* And that by the *6th. Act.* Of Our third and current *Parliament*, *All ſuch Pedagogues, School-maſters and Chaplains, are appointed to ſwear and Sign the* Teſt, *under the certification therein contained:* As alſo, by Our Royal Proclamation, of the date at *Edinburgh*, the firſt of *March* 1676. We did Require and Command, *That none thereafter ſhould intertain any School-maſter, Pedagogue or Chaplain, or Perſon for performing Family-worſhip, who have not a Licence for that effect, under the hand of the Biſhop of the Reſpective Dioceſſe under the penalties therein expreſt.* And now being informed, that ſome to elude the Laws, and Proclamotions foreſaids, do intertain diſaffected and irregular Perſons, for Teaching their Children, and overſeeing of their Learning, Manners and Education, or Exerciſing Family-worſhip in their Houſes, under other Names and Deſignations, as of Phyſicians, Factors, Chamberlains, Attendants, or Ordinary ſervants, whoſe influence in corrupting the youth, and debauchiug of Families from their Duty to GOD, and to Us, is moſt apparent, and of very pernicious conſequence: We do therefore, with adviſe of Our Privy Council, ſtrictly Prohibite and Diſcharge all Our Subjects, of what Quality ſoever, to intertain any Perſon or Perſous, to be Chaplains in their Families, or to be Governours, Teachers or Inſtructers of their Children, or Pupils, or Minors, under their Tutory or Curatory, or to be School-maſters within their Lands or Juriſdictions: or who ſhall perform the Duties and Offices of Teaching, and inſtructing their Children, or Pupils, or Minors, under their Tutory or Curatory, by Overſeeing them in their Learning. Manners and Education: or who ſhall Exerciſe Religious-worſhip in their Families, or ſhall perform the Duties belonging to the Places or Offices of Pedagogues or Chaplains, under the Names and Deſignations foreſaid, or under whatſoever other Colour, Name, Title, or Deſignation, except ſuch only as ſhall Swear and Subſcribe the *Teſt* foreſaid, before this reſpective Ordinaries: and who ſhall be allowed by Licences, under the hands of their reſpective Biſhops, for performing and Exerciſing of theſe Offices, certifying all thoſe who ſhall contemn, or contraveen this Our Royal Will and Proclamotion: That every Nobleman ſo offending, ſhall be fined in three thouſand Merks, Every Gentleman in Twelve hundreth Merks: And each Burgeſſe or other Subjects in ſix hundreth Merks, *toties quoties*, as they ſhall be found Guilty conform to the Certification contained in Our ſaid Proclamation dated the ſaid firſt of *March* 1676. And ſhall alſo be eſteemed Perſons diſaffected to the Eſtabliſhed Religion, and to Our Royal Government; and the Magiſtrates of all Burghs, of Royalty and Regality, are diſcharged to permit any School-maſters to Teach Schollers in their Burghs, except they be qualified as aforeſaid, under the penalty of being purſued and puniſhed before the Council, as their contempt and neglect ſhall deſerve. And to the effect, Our Royal Will and Pleaſure in the Premiſſes may be publickly known; Our Will is, and We Charge you ſtraitly and Command, that incontinent, theſe Our Letters ſeen, ye paſſe to the Mercat Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and other places needful, and thereat, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premiſſes, and that none pretend ignorance. the which to do We commit to you, conjunctly and ſeverally, Our full Power, by theſe Our Letters, delivering them by you, duly Execute, and indorſed again to the bearer.

Given under Our Signet, at Hallyrudhouſe, *the fourth day of* June, *One thouſand ſix hundred eighty and three: And of Our Reign, the thirtieth fifth year.*

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.

WIL. PATERSON, *Cls. Sti. Concilij.*

GOD ſave the KING.

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